1	2	3	4	5
15.	Meghalaya	29	—	—
16.	Punjab	319	124	124
17.	Rajasthan	192	22	22
18.	Tamil Nadu	95	24	24
19.	Uttar Pradesh	241	31	31
20.	West Bengal	6	6	6
21.	Chandigarh Admn.	5	Nil	—
22.	NCT Delhi	377	115	115
	Total	5345	1335	1331

Separate Statutory Development Board for Konkan

1543. PROF RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Maharashtra Legislature had unanimously passed a Resolution on 13.3.89 for creation of a separate Statutory Development Board for Konkan;

(b) whether Government are also ware that the Government of Maharashtra requested Government on 21.4.89 to amend the Constitution for creation of this Board;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government had informed the Maharashtra Government that if Central Government are convinced in two/three years that the Konkan region can better be developed under a separate board, the question can be considered; and

(d) if so, what are the views of Government on the issue of creation of Konkan Development Board?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir,

(c) and (d) on 15.1.1997, the State Government was informed that the three Development Boards in Maharashtra, one each for Vidarbha, Marathwada and the rest of Maharashtra had been set up only in 1994 and therefore, it might be too early to consider any alteration in the existing set up, as any new organisational set-up, inevitably takes time to show tangible results. It was further stated that in case it was felt during the next two to three years that the Board for the rest of Maharashtra was not in a position to effectively cater to development requirements of the Konkan region and the Central Government was convinced that the said region could be better developed under separate Board the question of establishing a Development Board exclusively for Konkan could then be considered. The position can be reviewed in due course.

Punjabi as a Second Language in Delhi

1544. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the Union Territory of Delhi has a bill under consideration for declaring Punjabi as its second language which was referred to a Select Committee and is understood to have been cleared sometime ago; and

(b) if so, how long more would punjabis have to wait to receive due recognition of their mother-tongue with which are linked various factors of Delhi's development and now that it is 50 years since they have made it their home?